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SAYS FORMOSAN INVASION FLEET BEING READIED -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 8 Sep 51

Hong Kong (special correspondent) -- According to a Chinese engineer who recently returned to Hong Kong aboard a merchant ship from northern ports, the Chinese Communist Navy possesses at least one submarine, in addition to a number of destroyers and several thousand motorboats which are being readied for the invasion of Formosa. The informant requested this correspondent not to reveal the name of his ship or the time of its trip in order to protect the interests of the ship's owner.

At the time his ship entered the Soviet-occupied port of Dairen, the Chinese engineer reports having seen, at a distance of approximately 100 yards, a Chinese Communist Navy submarine flying a five-star flag. This submarine was painted grayish-white and was approximately 30-40 yards in length, with the coming tower located near the prow. The engineer said that the submarine cruised outside the harbor and submerged rapidly. He could not determine the crew's nationality.

After his own ship anchored in the port of Dairen, the engineer obtained a permit to go ashore where he noticed a photograph of a submarine in a photo gallery. He said that the submarine in the picture and the one he had seen in the harbor were very much alike. He described the outer structure of these submarines as different from that of US submarines, which he had seen in the past at the US Naval base in Tsingtao.

Some days later, while his ship was awaiting orders to depart from Dairen, the Chinese engineer said he again observed a submarine, this time entering the harbor. He could not tell, however, if it was the same one he had seen previously.

The engineer's impression of Dairen was, "There are more Russian troops in Dairen than Chinese.'

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PANAMANIAN SAILORS DESCRIBE SUB SIGHTING -- Rangoon Hanthawaddy, 8 Sep 51

Hong Kong, 6 September (AFP) -- Sailors aboard a Panamanian ship, recently returned from Dairen, report having seen a submarine flying the five-star Chinese Communist flag at this Manchurian port. They described the vessel as being 120-feet long with a pronounced cylindrical shape.

KMT sources have reported that the USSR has given submarines to the Peiping government, but this is the first instance of one having been sighted.

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